

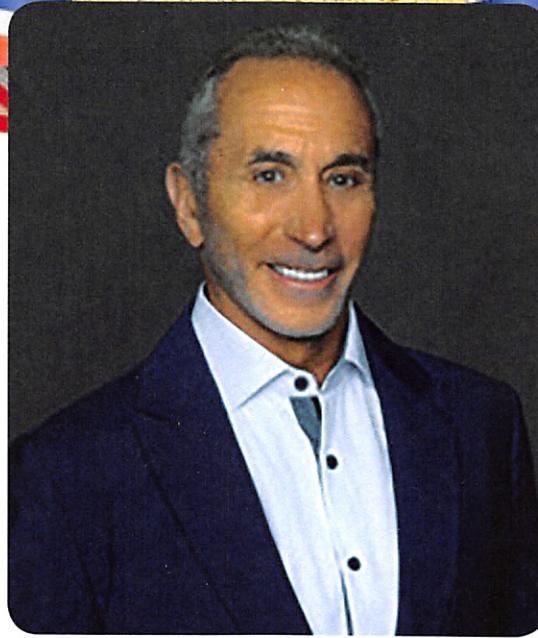
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National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum
Dinner and Induction Ceremony



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Welcome!

It is my distinct honor and pleasure to welcome you to our 2023 Upstate New York Chapter banquet and induction ceremony. This year marks Upstate New York's 26th class of inductees into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame's State Chapter program.

This year the NWHOF is celebrating its 47th Anniversary as a cultural institution for the sport of wrestling in the United States. The Board of Governors is grateful to our State Chapter volunteer leaders in Upstate New York for representing our organization within your wrestling community, and for annually recognizing the heritage of our sport's most prominent legacy makers.

The individuals being honored here today are members of a great mission and legacy not just in their state, but in our sport. They are heroes to the people they have impacted through their work in the sport and beyond, and provide an inspiration to future generations. Their dedication, service, and leadership build and sustain our sport one individual, one program, and one community at a time.

Your state chapter and the honorees from the Upstate New York Chapter are truly inspirational in their efforts to help grow and fortify our sport and their communities.

On behalf of the Board of Governors of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, I want to congratulate the honorees being inducted today. Their names will soon appear in the newly renovated National Wrestling Hall of Fame & Museum's John T. Vaughan Hall of Honors in Stillwater, Oklahoma. We hope that each of you have the opportunity to visit the Hall of Fame with your family and friends.

In the spirit of preserving, honoring and recognizing.

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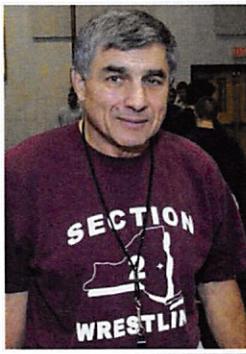
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Lee Roy Smith
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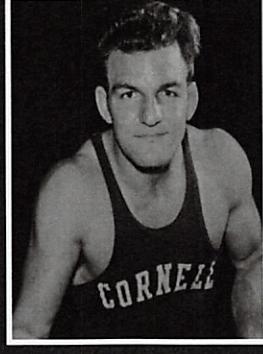
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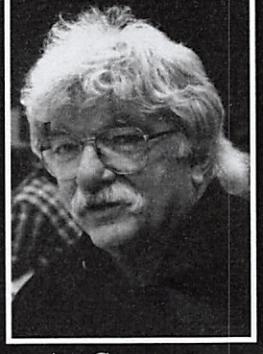
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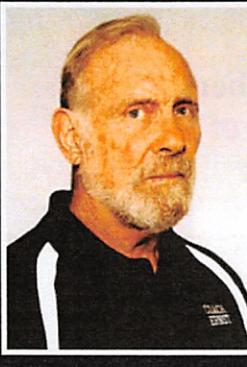
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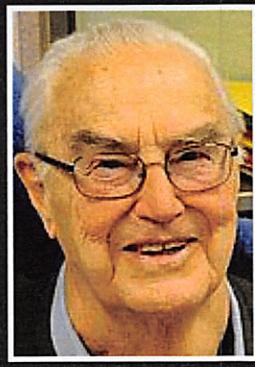
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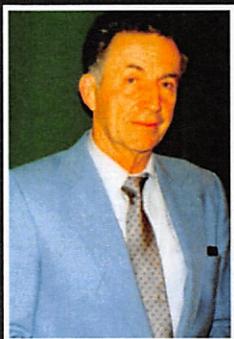
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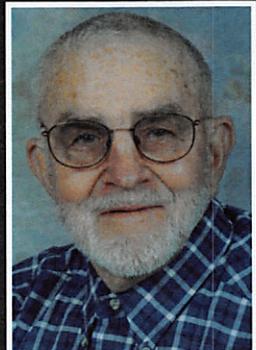
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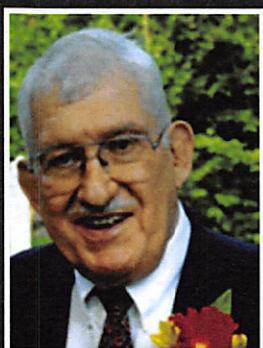
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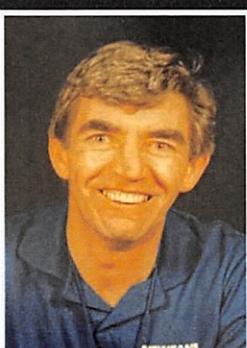
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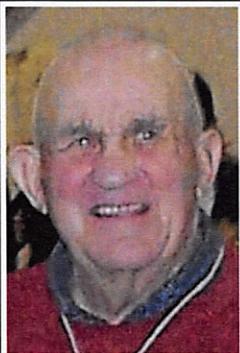
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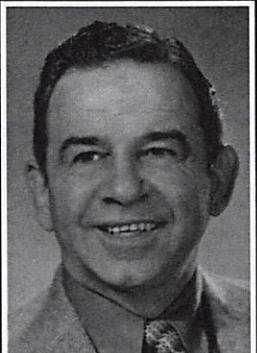
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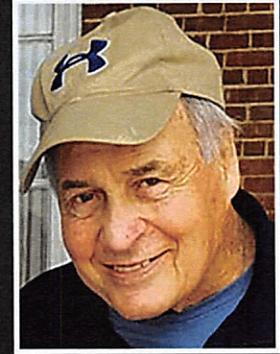
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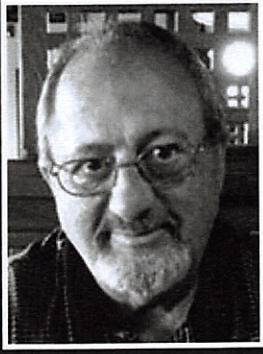
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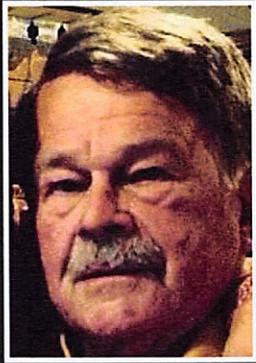
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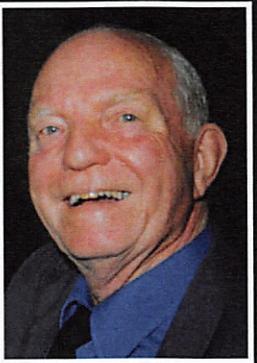
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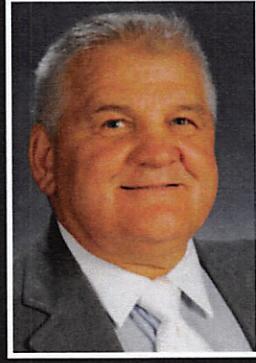
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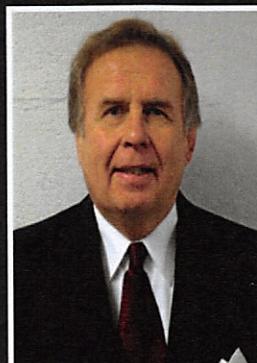
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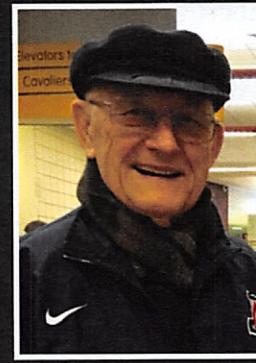
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Welcome

The Upstate New York Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame is pleased to honor the following individuals: Jack Romagnoli – Outstanding American Award – wrestled and coached at Canastota High School and wrestled at St. Lawrence University for John Clark; Robert Coppola – wrestling coach at Central Square and wrestled at Watertown High School for Hall of Fame coach, Robert Ridall; Gary Edwards – wrestled and coached at Peru Central School and is the Section VII Wrestling Coordinator; Kevin Gallagher – high school and college wrestling coach and presently coaching at Minisink Valley in Section IX; Dave Hickson – wrestled at the University of Buffalo for Ed Michael and officiated many times in the Division I NCAA wrestling tournament; John Leone – former wrestling coach at Penfield Central School and wrestled and was a Division III NCCA champion at Brockport State for Don Murray; Tom Stanbro – coached at Greene Central School with Tim Jenks and was a 2 time All-American wrestler at Oswego State for Hall of Fame coach, Jim Howard; and James Johnson – the Stanbro Media Award winner. In addition, Tyler Ferrara from Chenango Forks High School and Ethan Gallo from Minisink Valley have been selected for the 2023 Robert Feldmeier Outstanding Wrestlers Award for Division I and Sam Sorenson, Section III and Homer Central School, was selected for the Richard “Pete” Haurath Outstanding Wrestler Award for Division II; Emily Sindoni from Tioga High School will be given the 2023 Steve Silver Award for the Outstanding Female Wrestler in New York State. All of the above are being recognized for their efforts as coaches, teachers, officials, wrestlers, contributors or role models and influence on young wrestlers they have been associated within the great sport of wrestling.

The pinnacle of any person's career in athletics is the permanent recognition of the individual by the sport's Hall of Fame. These men are being honored by the National Wrestling Hall of Fame with an award that is not about won/loss records; it is about a person's tireless and dedicated efforts to develop the characteristics in young people that will allow them to succeed not just in wrestling but in life.

The Lifetime Service Award program, coordinated by the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, is designed to honor and recognize dedicated wrestling people for their years of commitment to young people and our great sport of wrestling.

These individuals – Robert Coppola, Gary Edwards, Kevin Gallagher, Dave Hickson, John Leone, Tom Stanbro, and Jack Romagnoli, Outstanding American, will be permanently recognized in the Hall of Fame at the State Chapter Exhibit and each will receive a plaque or award to commemorate their efforts.

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New York State Chapter

2023 Mission Statement

The future of American society depends upon the existence of a strong citizenry, comprised of individuals with leadership qualities based upon self-discipline, self-reliance and self-confidence. The sport of wrestling helps builds these characteristics in youth regardless of their physical, economic, cultural or geographic backgrounds. The National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum seeks to broaden the understanding and development of these values in the following manner:

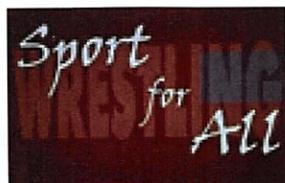
1. Through recognition of those who have demonstrated these characteristics while achieving or developing excellence in the sport as wrestlers, coaches and contributors.
2. Through recognition of those who have demonstrated these characteristics while achieving excellence in other walks of life after participating in wrestling.
3. Through the maintenance of documentation and memorabilia that depicts and preserves the history of the sport.
4. Through the stimulation and encouragement of those who established and conduct activities at all levels nationwide.
5. Through the development of State Chapters that will continuously strive to enhance the image of the sport of wrestling at the state and national levels.

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Induction Program 2023

12:00 pm	Reception Crossroads Ballroom Honorees Individual Exhibits & Cocktails/Social Hour
1:15 pm	Welcome and Introductions Dr. Thomas Martin – Board of Directors Member, Outstanding American Award Recipient, Doctor at UHS of Binghamton and AAFP Fellow Robert Zifchock - Master of Ceremony - Member of NYS Wrestling Hall of Fame – Coach of 1988 NYSPHSAA Championship team - Valley Central High School Introduction of Past Members & Distinguish Inductees in Attendance Dr. Thomas Martin & Robert Zifchock Entrance and Announcement of 2023 Inductees & Award Winners
1:15	National Anthem & Invocation Presentation of Colors – Norte Dame NJROTC Sonya Dordoni – National Anthem – Horseheads High School Frank Marotta – Invocation – Hall of Fame Induction – 2003 – NYSOHSAA – Hall of Fame – 2023 – NYSWOA Selection Committee
	Dinner
2:00	Awards Ceremony Robert Zifchock - Master of Ceremony Steve Silver Outstanding Girls Wrestler Award – Steve Silver – Emily Sindoni New York Tricia Saunders Award – Emily Sindoni Robert Feldmeier Outstanding Wrestler Award – Division I – Jeanne Jackson Tyler Ferrara and Ethan Gallo New York State David Schultz Award – Tyler Ferrara Richard “Pete” Haurath Outstanding Wrestler Award – Division II – Pete Haurath – Sam Sorenson Stanbro Media Award, Lifetime Service Awards - Outstanding American Award

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Presenters for the Honored Guests

Lifetime Service Awards

Honored Guest Robert Coppola
Presenter – Jamie Coppola

Honored Guest Gary Edwards
Presenter – Shawn Edwards

Honored Guest Kevin Gallagher
Presenter – Scott Hendershot

Honored Guest David Hickson
Presenter – Edward Michael

Honored Guest John Leone
Presenter – Neil Cook

Honored Guest Tom Stanbro
Presenter- Doug Braman

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2023 Robert Feldmeier Awards – Division I
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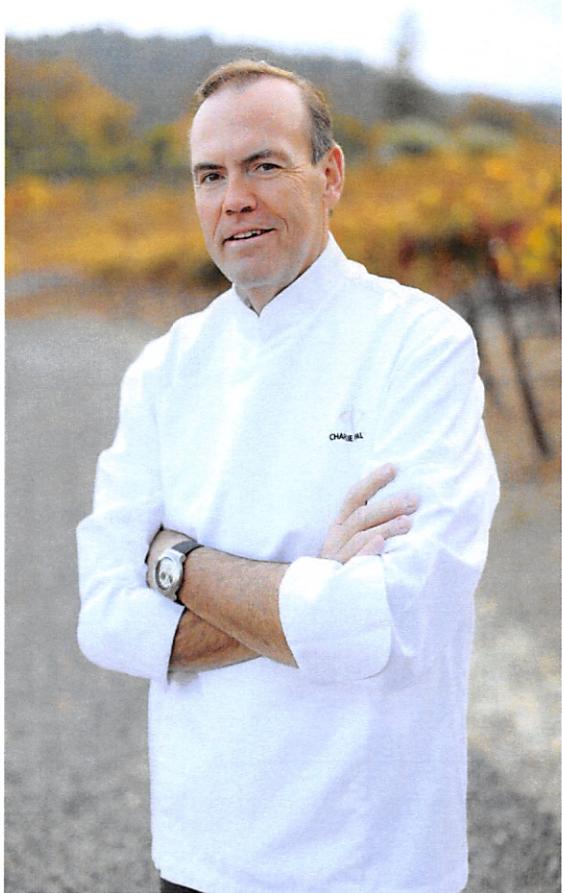
2023 Richard “Pete” Haurath Award – Division II
Sam Sorenson

2023 Steve Silver Award – Outstanding Female Wrestler
Emily Sindoni

Congratulations to All 2023 Honorees
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2023 National Wrestling Hall of Fame Inductee Lifetime Service Award

Robert Coppola

Bob started his wrestling at Watertown High School under the able guidance of Upstate New York Chapter's Hall of Fame Coach, Bob Ridall [2008]. At Watertown, he won the Northern Region championship in 1967 and was a member of Ridell's first undefeated team that sported a 13-0-1 record. He would later wrestle at Oswego State for Hall of Fame coach Jim Howard [1997].

Coach Coppola enjoyed a 37 year coaching career in Section III with 35 of those years at the Central Square High School. At Central Square he coached baseball, football and wrestling for the Redmen, and to this day still opens and closes the Central Square Athletic Stadium.

Bob's coaching career has been exceptional. In 1985 he guided George Korthas to the first state championship that Central Square has ever had and just last year Kole Mulhauser, 2022 Robert Feldmeier Most Valuable Wrestler honoree for the Chapter, became the second state champion for the Redmen. Additionally, Coppola has coached four NYSPHSAA place winners, fifteen Section III Champions, and ten runner-ups during his career at Central Square. Furthermore, he was honored as the league's Coach of the Year eight times (1995, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2015) and directed 2 Section III Class AA team championships in 2007 and 2008. Twenty-six of his wrestlers have won more than 100 matches in their careers and two have reached the 200 wins milestone.

Coach Coppola has been acknowledged for his coaching expertise in 2018 by gaining entrance into the Section III Hall of Fame. Moreover, he collected the Section III Service Award and has been recognized by the Syracuse Chamber of Commerce for his service as a coach. In his Section III Hall of Fame bio they stated, "Bob's greatest memories are that he coached his son Jamie and his grandson, Dante as well as registering his 600th win as a coach."

Bob's son, Jamie, summed up his father's career by stating this, " My father has spent most of his life dedicated to the sport of wrestling and helped to mold many boys into becoming hard working, responsible adults. It is through the sport of wrestling that my father touched the lives of many, many people. He used the sport of wrestling to connect and help his wrestlers on and off the mat. Coach Bob "Cope" Coppola has amassed many accomplishments that very few coaches have had in their careers." Those powerful words help to describe the impact Bob has had.

Bob has two children, Jamie and Stephanie, and Joyce had one son, Adam, as well as 13 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Presently they live in Brewerton and spend their winters in Florida. It is both an honor and privilege that the Upstate New York Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame induct Robert Coppola into their Hall of Fame.

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Marty, Nancy, Jimmy and Bella



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Gary Edwards

Gary Edwards was a standout athlete at Peru Central School on the track and wrestling mat. However, it was at wrestling that he excelled. He garnered two Section 7 wrestling championships and enjoyed an undefeated senior year for the Peru Indians. In 1966 directly after graduation, Gary joined the Marines and served his country until 1970 as a helicopter mechanic. Subsequently, Gary went on to Canton ATC and earned a degree in Business Administration. Then he attended the University of Buffalo, where he received a degree in Physical Education. In 1977 Gary would return to Peru and begin teaching until his retirement in 2001.

During his many years of teaching Gary coached or helped to coach five different sports including girls' and boys' track and field, boys' and girls' soccer and wrestling. Gary was a standout boys' soccer coach and his teams won two CVAC titles from 1980 to 2003, 11 sectional titles and three regional championships.

In his first year teaching at Peru, Edwards started his wrestling coaching career and he is presently still working as a wrestling coach in the district. While at Peru he would coach modified wrestling, serve as an assistant coach, work as a co-coach and function as the head coach. During his illustrious coaching career, he helped to produce 47 sectional champions and 14 place winners at the NYSPHSAA championships which included one state champion (Jeff Way) and four finalists. Coach Edwards has in his different coaching capacities helped coach 20 wrestling teams to CVAC and Sectional championship. Additionally, he has during his wrestling tenure at Peru been involved with the development of 191 sectional champions. It speaks volumes to the length and quality of his wrestling commitment. Gary has worked or wrestled for Coach Tony Papero, first coach for Peru, Hall of Fame Coach Stan Riggs, and another Hall of Fame coach and Peru wrestler, Mike Hogan. The tradition of wrestling has been deeply embedded in the Peru Central School for many years.

In addition, Coach Edwards has been the Section Seven Wrestling Coordinator as well as the CVAC Coordinator for many years. Coach Mike Hogan had this to say about Gary, "He is an old school type of coach. He believes in discipline, hard work and going by the rules, and being fair and square." One of Gary's former wrestler, Jeff Way, now the current varsity football defensive coordinator and head girls track coach stated this about Coach Edwards, "He taught us to have a good work ethic and that as a coach, you have to work as hard as the athletes. If the kids see the coach working hard they will try to emulate him. And this attitude will bring about success in whatever you do." Certainly, this approach has resulted in success in all sports that he has worked in.

Gary contributes the reasons for Peru and his success is hard work, having good coaches, developing strong ties with the community and being married to a wife who supports him in all his endeavors. Coach Edwards added this, "My wife, Nancy is the greatest reason for my success."

Gary is also a member of the American Legion, Keeseeville Elks Lodge and past Governor of the Plattsburgh Moose Lodge 2390 where he received his fellowship degree and the Moose International Governors Excellence Award twice as well as a lifetime membership. He also is involved in the North Country Honor Flight program that pays tribute to all the men and women veterans who have served their country.

The Upstate New York Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame is honored to award Coach Gary Edwards with the Lifetime Service Award of the NWHOF. We salute you for all your contributions to wrestling on a local and state level.



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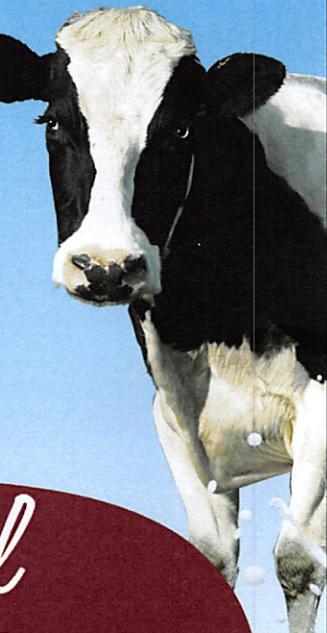
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Kevin Gallagher

Kevin Gallagher has come full circle as an athlete and later as a coach for Minisink Valley. He is a well-respected teacher, coach, and faculty member. His leadership skills and shared vision are hallmarks of his many and varied successes.

Kevin Gallagher graduated from Minisink Valley in 1977 where he wrestled for Hall fame coach Frank Carrozza. Kevin was a Section 9 place finisher in his senior year. After high school, he followed Coach Carrozza to Orange County Community College. Kevin then transferred to Division II, Southern Connecticut University where he wrestled under Coach Don Knauf.

Kevin succeeded in different places during his illustrious coaching career. He spent two years in Middletown rebuilding a program from the ground up. In 1985, Kevin became the head wrestling coach at Division 1 Wagner college on Staten Island. Kevin had the pleasure of coaching his brother, Matt, who was a NCAA qualifier - as well as Joe Burke and Dan Sanchez. At Wagner, Kevin won Metropolitan Conference Coach of the Year and Division 1 New England Coach of the Year, 1989. Kevin also coached Rocky Point coach Darren Goldstein. After the Wagner stint, Kevin moved upstate to Oxford where he turned them into a powerhouse. CJ Hansen became Kevin's first NYS Champion in 1993. Craig Tefft was a NHSCA Champion for Coach Gallagher as well. Kevin returned, in 1998, to Minisink Valley as a Health and Physical Education teacher and assistant wrestling coach.

In 2000, Coach Gallagher was given the reins of the Warrior team where he created one of the best wrestling programs in NYS and amassed an incredible record of achievement. Kevin is the winningest Section 9 coach and has an active dual meet record of 567-104. He guided Minisink Valley to NYS Dual Meet Champions in 2015, 2020, and 2022, with team runner ups in 2018 and 2023. Kevin's teams also won the NYS individual tournament team title in 2020 and 2023. Coach Gallagher's teams have won ten Section 9 Tournament titles and seven Section 9 Dual meet titles. Kevin has also had four teams ranked nationally: 2015-39th, 2021-41st, 2022-32nd and 2023-49th. Minisink Valley has qualified 90 wrestlers for the NYS tournament. He guided 32 wrestlers to the awards podium and 9 individual New York Champions. They are CJ Hansen (Oxford)1993; AJ Aeberli 2016; Zack Ryder 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023; PJ Duke 2022; and Ethan Gallo 2022 and 2023. Kevin was inducted into the New York State Hall of Fame, 2018. Coach Gallagher was named 2015 National Wrestling Coaches Association Coach of the Year for New York State.

Assistant coach Scott Hendershot observed that Coach Gallagher's philosophy has remained consistent over the years, which is to "Get better each day." Furthermore, "Kevin is an incredible leader who gets everyone in the program to believe in a common goal." Kevin's consistency and passion is what makes him an upper echelon coach in NYS and beyond."

Kevin and his wife, Kathy, have been married for 36 years. Together, they raised three daughters: Halley, Alex and Brooke. His family is a vital part of the MV wrestling community.

Coach Gallagher is a well-respected coach throughout New York State and beyond. He possesses great leadership skills. The National Wrestling Hall of Fame welcomes Kevin Gallagher for induction into the class of 2023 for Lifetime Service.

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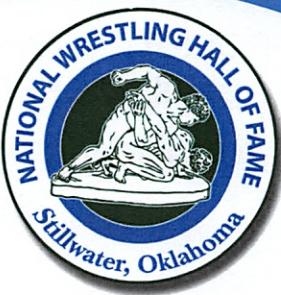
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Former Oxford Wrestlers



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David Hickson

The Cheektowaga high school star wrestler, David Hickson, has certainly made a "big name" for himself not only in high school athletics, college athletics as both a wrestler and official, but also in the field of business.

While in high school, Dave was a stellar wrestler for the Cheektowaga Warriors which eventually resulted in Buffalo University coach, Ed Michael, to recruit Dave to wrestle for the Bulls. While at the University of Buffalo Dave was a three time NCAA qualifier and earned the All-American status 2 times. He finished 4th and 6th place at the Division III championships. Not only did Hickson excel on the mats but he was greatly esteemed by his teammates. He was one of only 2 athletes at Buffalo to serve as a team captain for 3 years during his illustrious career in wrestling. Additionally, in his senior year he was named the MVP for the Bulls. Buffalo wrestling teams during the tenure of Hickson were SUNYAC champions and finished 5th at the Division III nationals. And in 1985 he was selected by the NCAA Division III Wrestling Coaches Association to an all-star team to represent the US in competition in South America. That year Dave captured two gold medals for his country. Furthermore, Dave showed his athletic abilities by starting on the University's football team for two years as safety. His football team in 1986 finished the season with a very respectable 9 -2 record.

There is no doubt that he was blessed with outstanding athletic abilities but it should be noted that he epitomized the definition of a student leader as well. In his junior year he was the Vice President of the Student Body, served as the Chairperson of the UB Athletic Governance Board, as well on the President's Intercollegiate Athletic Board. In 1987, Dave was selected for the ECAC Medal of Merit Award. This award is generally bestowed upon a student-athlete who has combined excellence on the fields of competition and in the classroom or outstanding service to the institution.

Following graduation Dave stayed involved in wrestling by doing some coaching and officiating. Dave during his official's career belonged to the Niagara Frontier Wrestling Officials Association, served as a member of the ACC, PAC 12 and Big Ten conferences and as can be expected he excelled to great height on both the high school and college levels. His accomplishments included several NYSPHSAA championships, the pinnacle for a high school official and Division I, II, and III championships. Fred Brown, EIWOA Hall of Fame Official stated, "every official who witnessed Dave officiating knew that the sky was the limit for him. An official like Hickson does not come around very often." Many of the college coaches at the time felt the same way and were knocking on his door to do matches for them. Dave officiated at 11 Division I championships and was considered as one of the best officials at each tournament. This was best demonstrated by the fact that he was selected to officiate a finals match for 10 of those events.

Professionally Dave has been a lifelong entrepreneur, building programs and supporting technology for enterprise clients and their fanatical audiences. Most recently leading and supporting NIL Collectives for Power Five programs, working on behalf of student athlete Name, Image & Likeness (NIL) opportunities. He also serves as a strategic advisor for PicX, a photo wire service solution for social media publishers and CEO of Solos, a provider of smart tag technology, for Sports & Entertainment merchandise companies, providing anti-counterfeit solutions and direct to fan connectivity for brands to deliver exclusive benefits & experiences.

Dave and his wife Diann live in Charlotte, North Carolina and have three very successful children, Matt, Kevin and daughter Kate. The Upstate New York Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame are honored to recognize Dave for his many contributions to the sport of wrestling.

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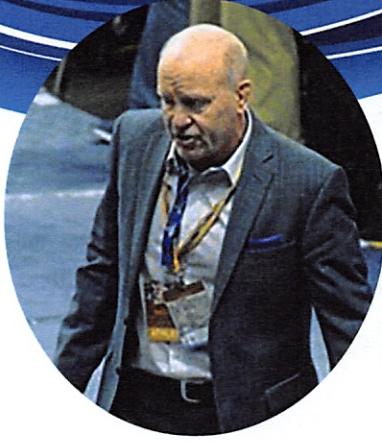


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2023 National Wrestling Hall of Fame Inductee Lifetime Service Award

John Leone

John Leone is a 1983 graduate of Penfield High School where he was a two-time Section V champion and the winner of numerous high school wrestling tournaments in the section. Those tourneys include the Bradshaw Memorial Tournament and the Monroe County League Tournament, where he also was named the OW wrestler. Additionally, he was named the Outstanding Wrestler in the Penfield Holiday Tournament. In the 1979-80 season John would win his first Section V title and then follow that up with a 4th and 2nd place finish. He then finished his career with another Section V title.

John went on to wrestle at Brockport State under legendary coach, Don Murray. While at Brockport State, John was a four-time Division III All-American. Furthermore, in his senior year he captured the NCAA Division III champion at the 158-pound weight class for the Eagles. The previous year Coach Leone was a runner-up and had served notice that he had more work to do. Additionally, Leone was a three-time SUNYAC Champion, a New York Collegiate Champion, and served as the captain of his team for the two years that Brockport was the runner-up in the Division III championships. John earned a degree in physical education from Brockport and became an assistant coach for Murray following his graduation.

Ensuing working for Brockport, Coach Leone worked as an assistant coach at Spencerport High School under Bill Jacoutot. At Spencerport their teams were considered the best in Section V and the state. John would go on from Spencerport to Greece-Arcadia for one year and then he would return to his alma mater, Penfield, and build Penfield into one of the most feared teams in Section V. His record at Penfield was a lofty 295-53 and in the 2009-2010 season his Penfield grapplers would capture a sectional championship. While at Penfield, John started the Titan Wrestling Club and was instrumental in developing the Takedown Cancer Wrestling Duals. The duals raised well over \$40,000 for the benefit of Camp Good Days and Special Times. In addition, one of Coach Leone's significant accomplishment at Penfield was the coaching of four- time NYSPHSAA wrestling champion Frankie Gissendaner.

Neil Cook, wrestling coach at Brighton High School, had this to say about Coach Leone, "What amazes me is John's ability to teach wrestling to any age group. I have seen many excellent teachers of the sport over the past 30 years. Without a doubt John is probably the best that I have seen. He can break down a technique and can motivate a wrestler to work harder than they have ever thought possible." Coach Leone has been a model for all coaches to emulate. Coach Mickey Marlowe, coach at Rush-Henrietta, had these words to say about Coach Leone, "When John first took over they struggled but in a short time he made Penfield very relevant in Section V. He is a wrestling guru, a big fan. He studies the sport and he would get the best out of his guys who maybe weren't your superstars." Statements like this can be heard from all the coaches, wrestlers, and fans of wrestling in Section V.

His achievements are many and include two-time (1996 and 1997) USA Wrestling Northeast Regional Developmental Coach of the Year; NWCA Assistant Coach of the Year in NYS (1995); head coach, USA Wrestling Cadet World Team to Bulgaria (1997); U.S. Olympic Committee Developmental Coach of the Year (1997). Furthermore, he has been selected to the Section V Hall of Fame, Brockport State Athletic Hall of Fame, and was awarded the Terry Robert Justice Award for outstanding Service to High School Wrestling. The Chapter acknowledges the many accomplishments of Coach Leone and welcomes John into the Upstate New York Chapter's Hall of Fame for his contributions to wrestling throughout the state. Along with the other inductees, he will be enshrined in the State Chapter Room of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

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**Hall of Fame Inductee
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John Leone**

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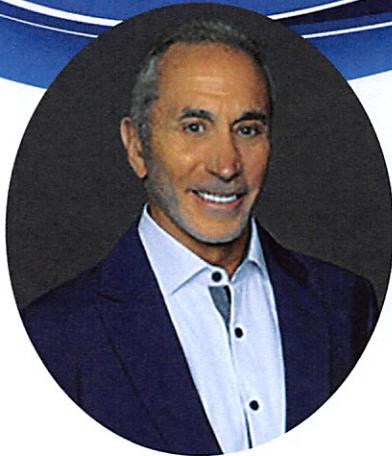
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**John Leone
James Johnson**

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2023 National Wrestling Hall of Fame Inductee Outstanding American Award

Jack Romagnoli

Jack Romagnoli's motivation to try out for his junior high school wrestling team was prompted by a hallway incident in the eighth grade. The class bully figured that Jack, weighing in at seventy-eight pounds soaking wet, would be an easy target for a laugh. The bully shoved Jack from behind and ripping Romagnoli's shirt in the process. But bully boy did not anticipate that the skinny little kid would turn on his heels, slug him in the mouth and knock out one of his teeth. The altercation, of course, landed both boys in the office of a vice-principal with a reputation for disciplining the unruly with a wooden paddle. Quaking in his PF Flyers when he arrived in the office, Jack was surprised to be met with a handshake and a smile from a man who congratulated him on standing up to the perp. He gave Romagnoli three ceremonial whacks with the paddle and assured Jack there would be no detention if Jack agreed to forgo pugilism on school grounds and join the wrestling team.

Romagnoli made the junior high team and went on to wrestle varsity at Canastota High for four years. It was the era of one division when Section 3 was a dominant state power with eighty schools fielding wrestling teams. Jack won the league title and placed in the Section 3 tourney twice. He was recruited by Coach John Clark and selected St. Lawrence University to continue his education, where he was a four-year starter for the Saints.

Upon graduation in 1977, Romagnoli returned to Canastota to begin his career. [He also went on to obtain an MBA from Syracuse University.] But he could not stay away from the mat for long and began coaching, first as an assistant coach at Cazenovia High in 1977, then as a modified coach at Canastota in 1981. Jack moved on to the co-head position at Canastota High in 1982, staying through 1988. His Red Raider teams won two Section 3 team championships, and produced three state place-winners, seven sectional champs and a New York State champion.

After getting married and starting a family, Jack returned to coaching youth wrestling programs at Jamesville-Dewitt, Fayetteville-Manlius and Cazenovia from 2004-2007. In 2008, he was instrumental in resurrecting the previously discontinued Jamesville-Dewitt and Christian Brothers Academy wrestling programs and served as an assistant coach from 2008-2012. Romagnoli began serving on the Friends of Section 3 booster club in 2007, where he continues to serve to this day. Romagnoli was voted into the Section 3 Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2016.

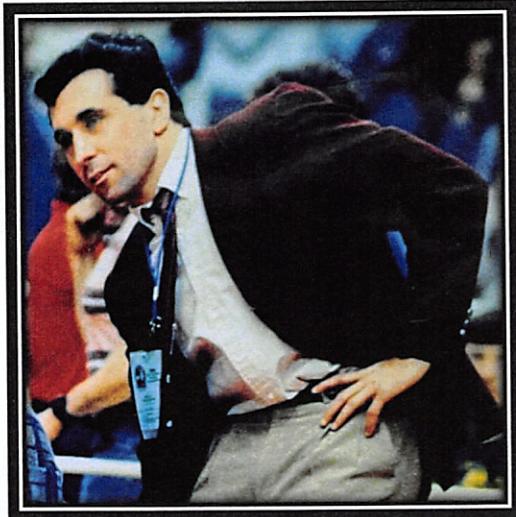
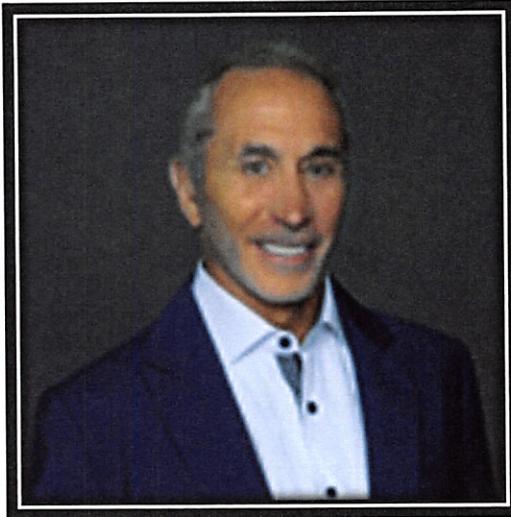
In 1989, Jack co-founded CCI Companies, Inc., a major highway and bridge construction company, along with Abscope Environmental, Inc., an environmental remediation company. Since their creation, these two enterprises jointly have produced approximately one billion dollars of heavy infrastructure, environmental remediation and engineering and disaster response throughout the United States. Notably, the two companies collectively employ over two hundred people, including many former central New York high school wrestlers.

Romagnoli has served on the Madison County IDA and CRC Boards and the Jamesville-Dewitt Youth Athletic Association Board. He has also volunteered with the Utica Chapter of the Big Brothers Big Sister Program and provided significant financial support to various charity organizations.

Jack has been married to his wife MaryBeth for thirty years. An accomplished athlete in her own right, MaryBeth qualified and competed in the 2011 Ironman Championship in Kona, Hawaii. She currently owns and operates Windridge Estate, a successful wedding venue located in Cazenovia. Jack and MaryBeth have two sons, JT (a three-time Section 3 champ for JD/CBA) and Andrew, both of whom received lacrosse scholarships to play for the University of Delaware.

In 1985 Romagnoli was thrilled to have the honor of driving fellow pugilist Muhammad Ali from the Syracuse Airport to Canastota for Ali's induction into the International Boxing Hall of Fame.

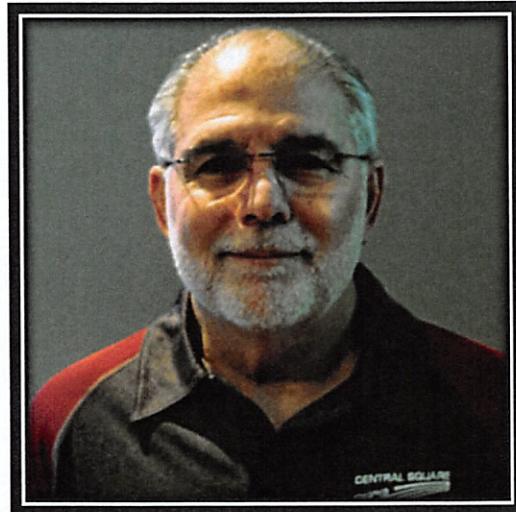
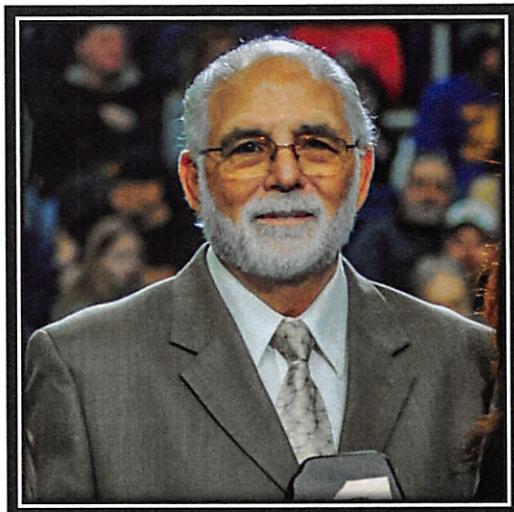
The Upstate New York Chapter of the NWHOF is pleased and honored to present Jack Romagnoli with our Outstanding American Award for all he has done to promote and advocate for wrestling on all levels.



Jack Romagnoli



Congratulations Jack and Bob!



Bob Coppola



2023 National Wrestling Hall of Fame Inductee Lifetime Service Award

Tom Stanbro

Tom Stanbro comes from a wrestling family that includes two Upstate New York Chapter's Hall of Famers. His mother, Sonja, and father, Jack, were inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2005 for all their contributions to wrestling throughout their careers. Jack was the first president of the Chapter and was a leading coach in Sections XI and IV. During Tom's career as a high school wrestler, he was a multiple Section IV place winner and was the captain of the Wildcats.

Tom started his wrestling career under the tutelage of his father at Johnson City and then proceeded to Oswego State where he was a two time All-American for Coach Jim Howard. In addition, Tom was a four time New York State Collegiate place winner and also a four time SUNYAC place winner as a Laker. His exemplary wrestling career resulted in Tom being inducted into the Oswego Athletic Hall of Fame in 2015.

Following graduation from Oswego, Stanbro was selected to be the head coach at Whitney Point Central where he played a large role in the development of some outstanding wrestlers including Kent Maslin, Chris Durdon and Steve Farr. In 1986 Tom moved on to Marathon Central School where he developed Marathon into a respected and feared Division II wrestling school in Section IV. At Marathon he served as the Class "D" chairperson for the section from 1992 to 1994. Stanbro later journeyed to Greene Central School where he worked as a junior varsity coach with Hall of Fame Coach, Tim Jenks. While at Greene, Coach Jenks and Stanbro built Greene into an annual powerhouse of wrestling. Coach Stanbro also dedicated his time to running a youth wrestling program, helping with the directing of different tournaments, and playing a role in various fundraising for the team. Coach Tim Jenks had this to say about Tom and his role as the assistant wrestling coach, "In 1996 Tom became my varsity coach. It was during this time that Greene wrestling flourished into one of the finest teams in the state. Tom and I worked side by side to make sure our wrestlers were prepared. We were able to enjoy 15 years of being ranked as one of the top ten dual meet teams in the state. We won 8 class championships and finished on a number of times as runner-ups. Tom played a large role in this great run."

Greene Superintendent Timothy Calice stated, "I am not sure if any of us can teach and coach with the compassion and enthusiasm he brought to this district during his career. Tom was a go to person during his time at Greene Central and willing to help anyone that needed him without hesitation." Tom's impact in the classroom and on the wrestling, mats was immeasurable."

At Greene, Coach Jenks and Stanbro were involved in the development of seven NYS champions and many New York state place winners. They also had 16 Section IV champions, eight Section IV Class Championship teams, and three Section IV team championships. What a tribute to both coaches for all their remarkable coaching prowess. Additionally, Tom has continued to support wrestling in retirement doing whatever he could. He helps to run a youth wrestling tournament in Greene and has lend a hand and his expertise to Section IV.

Tom is presently living in Greene with his wife Carol, a former Elementary School Principal at Greene.

The Upstate New York Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame is honored to bestow on Tom Stanbro the Lifetime Service Award. He has carried on the long tradition of his family in their service and dedication to the sport of wrestling on all levels.

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Thank you for Your Contribution to Growing Our Sport



2023 National Wrestling Hall of Fame Inductee Stanbro Media Award

James Johnson

As a young boy, James Johnson and his brother Carl loved riding with their dad to the Wide World of News bookstore in downtown Rochester. Their father would buy football magazines and comic books. On Monday nights, James would read newspaper articles about his favorite NFL teams. These activities lit the flame for a lifelong love of sports, which included playing baseball and wrestling at Edison Tech high school in Rochester.

At the end of his junior year at Edison, his baseball coach and others convinced him to participate in another sport before his final season of baseball. Johnson chose wrestling. Being a rookie in any sport isn't easy, and James had "one very tough, but enjoyable year" on the squad coached by the late Frank Mielnicki, a member of the Upstate Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

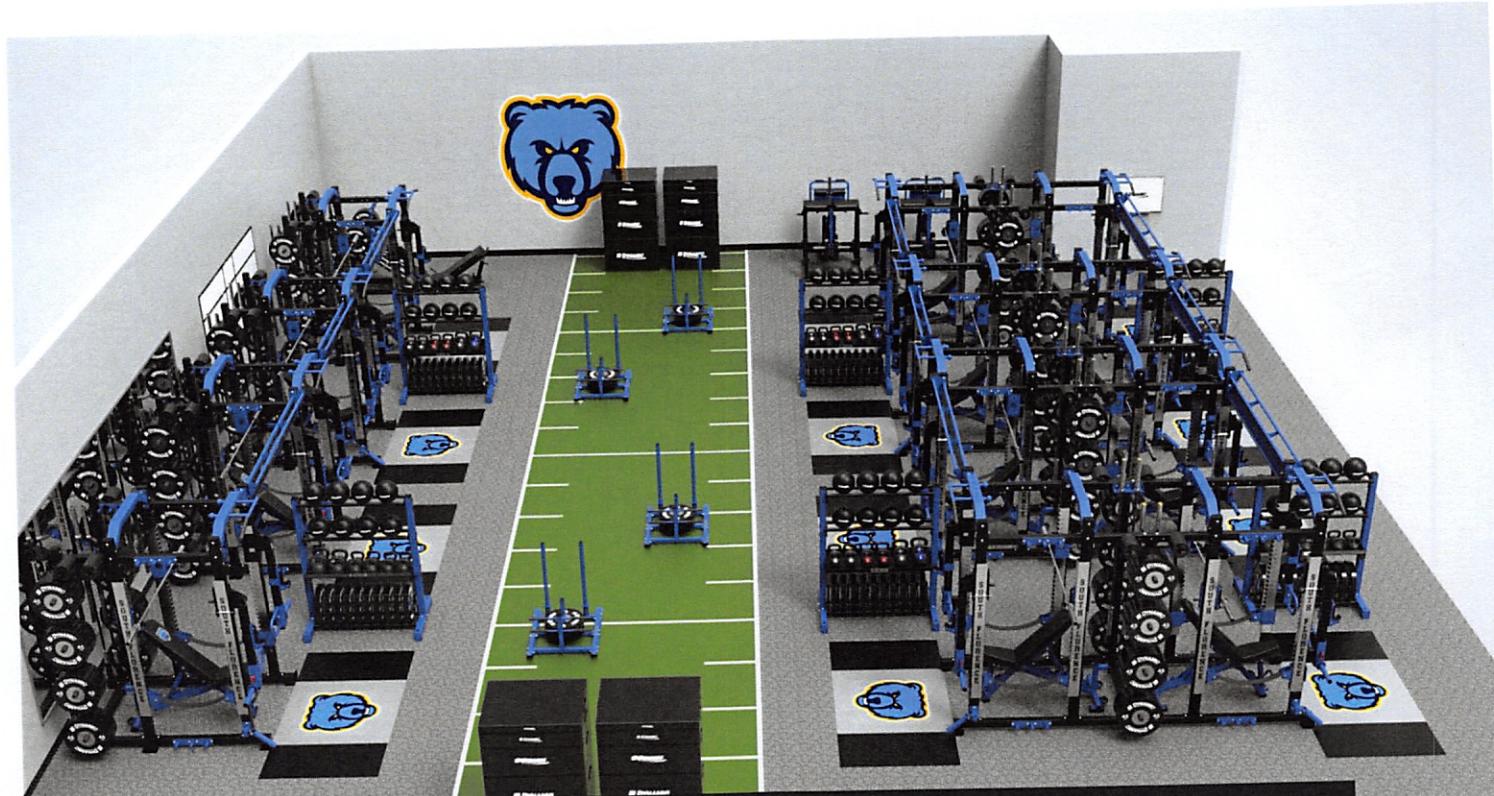
This was when James began to see the benefits of wrestling and the value of high school sports. "Wrestling," according to Johnson, "does a wonderful job of teaching a kid how to handle things when they don't go your way and how to bounce back from defeat." James witnessed this while watching coaches work with the stars - and wrestlers who had to work much harder to win - countless times during his career as a high school sportswriter at the Democrat and Chronicle in Rochester.

Johnson's career as a writer/reporter began during his junior year of high school. That year, James and his classmates filled out a questionnaire about possible careers and a teacher noticed Johnson's interest in sports writing. That response led to a summer internship at the then Times-Union newspaper in Rochester. James applied for and received a journalism-related scholarship to Saint John Fisher College and continued to work for the Gannett newspapers in Rochester while attending the college.

James started his career as a full-time reporter in 1995 with a Binghamton newspaper, but a year later received an offer to return to his hometown for a job with the Democrat and Chronicle. During his reporting career, Johnson has been a two-time winner of the Rochester Press-Radio Club's Sports Media Excellence Award. In addition, his respect for and interest in wrestling led, in 2012, to the Section Five Wrestling Coaches presenting him with the Terry Robert Justice Memorial Award for Outstanding Service to High School Wrestling. James continues to cover dual meets, tournaments, teams and individuals in the sport.

Johnson believes his success as a reporter and sportswriter and the many kind words he has received during his career are the result of the support and encouragement he has received from many people in his life, including his fiancé Diedre Knox, who has always recognized his passion and the love he has for sports and his career.

The Upstate New York Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame pays tribute to James for all he has done for wrestling by awarding him the 2023 Stanbro Media Award. Thank you James for all you have done for wrestling.



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Steve Silver
Outstanding Wrestler Award

Emily Sindoni

Emily has had a very successful six year wrestling career at Tioga Central School. Not only has Emily reached great heights individually as a girl's wrestler, she has also been a contributing member of the Tioga boys' wrestling team. The Tioga team has won the New York State Dual Meet Championship and Individual State championships as well as the Section IV crown during her years on the team. Emily has always felt that wrestling with boys has helped her immensely but could not be happier that the NYSPHSAA is moving toward sanctioning girls wrestling as a sport. Emily has been a pioneer for girls wrestling in the section and state. Sindoni stated, "It means a lot to me. I know a lot of girls that look up to me, even girls who are around my age and just don't have the opportunities that I have. I just love to see them want to be like me and train with me and everything." Emily has certainly earned all the respect and admiration of all the fans of Tioga, the state and Section IV wrestling.

In addition, to all her prowess on the mat Emily is equally as good in the classroom. She is in the National Honor Society and has maintained a GPA of 4.0. She will graduate ranked 10th in her class and she is a member of the Spanish Club, Girls Varsity Club and the YES LEADS organization at Tioga. Emily has also been a five-year varsity letter winner in field hockey and a varsity softball player on the Lady Tigers' team. Furthermore, she has done much in her community – she coaches Tioga Youth field hockey, softball and of course wrestling as well. She is the perfect role model for all young ladies to follow.

Sindoni has announced that she will be continuing her education at D'Youville University, D'Youville is top rated academic college that offers all their athletes a highly competitive experience, where she will major in biology and hopes to go on to medical school. She will be a trail blazer at D'Youville as well since this will be their first year of wrestling competitively; however, she aims to lead them to great heights. Emily stated that it will be very exciting to be part of building a college program. Carlene Sluberski, new coach at D'Youville, had this to say about Emily, "I am thrilled to have Emily as part of the inaugural women's wrestling class at D'Youville University. Emily is a terrific person, student, and athlete. I am confident that she will play a large role in establishing this program and building a culture of excellence. I am very happy that she was recognized for her efforts and accomplishments as the recipient of the prestigious Tricia Saunders award and the Chapter's Steve Silver Award." Emily has expressed that she has made it one of her goals to bring home a national championship for D'Youville.

On the mat Emily is a two-time national finalist, a National High School Coaches Association National Champion, a two-time Section IV Champion, a New York State champion and if that is not enough she was ranked number one in the country for her weight class. Moreover, she was selected as the New York State Tricia Saunders Award winner for the Upstate New York Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. This is the second straight year that the Upstate New York Chapter has had a Saunders' winner.

Lastly, State Senator O'Hara passed a resolution that recognized Emily and her accomplishments recently in the New York State Senate that really summarizes Emily and all that she stands for. Here is a segment of the resolution, "individual and team championships are highly sought after in high school sports; this legislative body commends rare athletic achievements and pays special recognition to those who pursue such excellence and become examples for the youth of this great state." Emily Sindoni has certainly lived up to those words and for these reasons the Upstate New York State Chapter pays tribute to Emily Sindoni.

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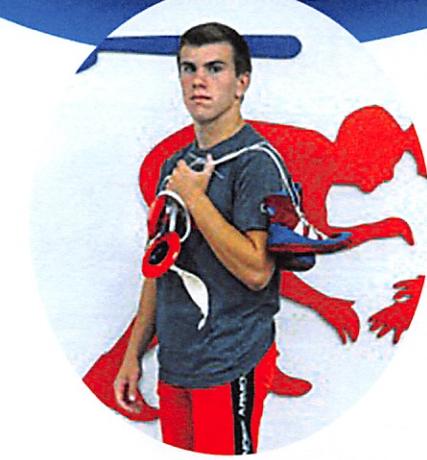
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2023 National Wrestling Hall of Fame Inductee Robert Feldmeier Outstanding Wrestler Award

Tyler Ferrara

Chenango Forks has certainly had its fair share of outstanding wrestlers over the years and Tyler Ferrara definitely has to be ranked as the best or one of the best. However, I am positive that Troy Nickerson has a few words pertaining to this topic.

Tyler comes from a family of excellent wrestlers. His uncle Tony, who wrestled for Hall of Famer coach Tom Robertson, was a two-time NYSPHSAA champion and the rest of the family represented themselves very well in Section IV. Furthermore, Uncle Jeff, now an Athletic Director at Delhi High School, was a stellar grappler. And Tyler's father, Joel, was an exceptional wrestler at Sidney and later Cortland State where he also coached for a few years. Thus, much was expected of Tyler and Tyler did not disappoint.

Tyler has done it all! He was a two-time NYSPHSAA champion, he has been a Section IV Champion for five seasons, has won the prestigious Windsor Christmas Tournament on numerous occasions and has many area tournament championships to his credit. He was named the Press and Sun Bulletin's Athlete of the Year in 2022 and won the 30th annual "Beast of the East" Tournament. Tyler has been coached by his father, Rick Gumble, a Hall of Famer, and Tom Knapp, who took over the Forks program this season. This year Tyler had an undefeated season and ranked high in most national ranking polls. Athletic Director Dave Hogan, a former Section IV wrestling champion, had this to say about Tyler, "He's very self-motivated and he was mature in that area at a very young age. He is driven, very strong and he's got the perfect attitude of an elite athlete. Additionally, much credit has to be given to his father who has been an excellent role model who supported Tyler in his quest for greatness."

His success on the mat carries over to the classroom as well. His high school average is 99.2 and he was heavily recruited by all the major wrestling powers in the country including Ivy League wrestling powers Harvard, Princeton and Cornell. Tyler decided that Cornell was the best place for him to be. Tyler stated this while making his decision about Cornell. "As I was making my decision, I was looking for a place that had everything that I wanted and when I looked at Cornell, I saw everything. I saw wrestling, the academics, the coaching, teammates and it felt like home." And Coach Mike Grey saw the same things in Tyler that would mean success to Cornell wrestling and Tyler. The question is will he join fellow Chenango Forks wrestler Troy Nickerson as another NCAA Champion for the Big Red.

This year Tyler added several other esteemed awards to his profile. At this year's NYSPHSAA Championships at the MVP Arena, he was selected the Outstanding Wrestler for the Division I classification. Tyler's wrestling was a showcase for wrestling fans across the state. He dominated his weight class! In addition, this season Tyler was chosen by the people at the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Oklahoma as the Dave Schultz winner for the Empire state. LeeRoy Smith, Director of the NWHOF, made this statement about the award,

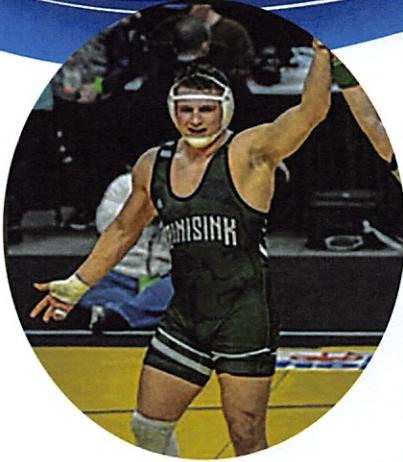
"The award recognizes and celebrates the nation's most outstanding high school senior male wrestlers for their excellence in wrestling, scholastic achievement, citizenship, and community service." Winners for this high honor are evaluated and selected on the basis of three criteria: success and standout performances and sportsmanship in wrestling; review of GPA and class rank, academic honors and distinctions; and participation in activities that demonstrate commitment to character and community. Tyler has certainly represented his school, section and state in the highest regard. The Chapter is proud to award Tyler with our Robert Feldmeier Outstanding Wrestler award for this season. He embodies the best of the best.

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2023 National Wrestling Hall of Fame Inductee

Robert Feldmeier
Outstanding Wrestler Award

Ethan Gallo

Ethan Gallo represents the quintessential high school athlete and student. Ethan has been a standout athlete in football, wrestling and baseball achieving honors in all of his endeavors. Coach Kevin Gallagher had this to say about his exceptional student/athlete, "Ethan is unbelievable on the field, on the mat and on the diamond. And he is a great young man, he is the total package."

In football Ethan was an outstanding running back, he was the 2021 Class A Running Back of the Year and was first Team Section IX Coaches All- Star. In addition, he was first Team Division All-Star in Section IX and was selected to the first Team All-State as linebacker. After a bounce back defeat Ethan played one of his best games in his career. Coach Gallagher had enumerated, "He's a truck, he's a leader. He leads by example. He leads by his presence. He's that guy and he is the homecoming king, too." (Gallo was named the homecoming king that weekend). Ethan also established a new rushing record for the year when he carried the pigskin for over 1,700 yards. Gallagher has had the pleasure and honor to coach Ethan in football and wrestling throughout his career.

Gallo excels in wrestling for Coach Gallagher as well. He is a five-year starter for the Warriors and during that tenure he helped lead Minisink Valley to two NYSPHSAA Championships at the Times-Union Arena (2022 & 2023). At the last state championship Ethan stated in an interview that he would like to paid a special tribute to his coach, Kevin Gallagher, and the rest of his family but would particularly like to thank his father for all that he had done for him during his high school career. Furthermore, Ethan has been instrumental in leading Minisink to two NYSPHSAA Dual Meet championships. It was always a comforting feeling to have a "hammer" like Ethan available at the 215 pound weight class. As in football Ethan has been a leader for his wrestling team and this is illustrated by Ethan being selected as the Warriors team captain for the last two years.

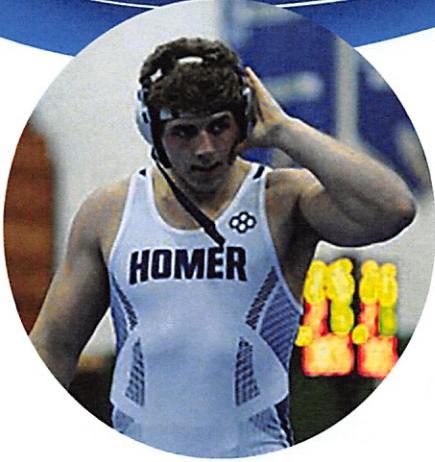
Additionally, Ethan has been a remarkable baseball player at Minisink Valley. The six foot, 220 pound diamond star plays outfield and third base for the Warriors and has many baseball scouts following him very closely as he finished out his tenure at Slade Hill. Dave Benedetto, Minisink Valley baseball coach stated, "He is one of the most feared players in Section IX and arguably one of the best three sport athletes to come out of Minisink Valley. Ethan is a leader by example and plays with a lot of courage. Players of his caliber don't come around very often." In a report at a scout day on Ethan's baseball skill the following comments were made, "big power from the left side and crushes everything."

What else can you say about Ethan ... well not only does he excels in the athletic arena but he is also a very good student. He has been on the High Honor Roll and is a member of the Minisink Valley National Honor Society. Ethan does do it all. What an incredible student athlete and every coach share the same comment about him, "he is a wonderful young man." Ethan has signed a letter of intent to Cortland and will play football and baseball in college. Lastly, Ethan made this statement that sums up what type of student/athlete he is, "Success is no accident it's hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all LOVE for what you are doing," quite an overview of one's life from a truly remarkable young man. The Chapter is sincerely honored and pleased to recognize Ethan Gallo with the Robert Feldmeier Outstanding Wrestling Award.

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2023 National Wrestling Hall of Fame Inductee Richard "Pete" Haurath Outstanding Wrestler Award

Sam Sorenson

Homer varsity wrestling coach, Jason Reynolds, knew from when he first got sight of Sam that he had discovered one of the best wrestlers that he would ever coach. Reynolds stated, "He's the only eighth grader that I have ever moved up to the varsity level. Furthermore, he said "Part of the reason was his maturity, his character and his wrestling IQ." Sam quickly proved Jason correct by winning his first inter-class title as a freshman.

Sam's accomplishments in wrestling are many including in 2020-21 COVID season, Sam moved from New York State to Wyoming and won the 3A Southeast Quadrant qualifier and then proceeded to win the 3A State Championship at 220. He followed that up by winning the New York-Journeymen/Rudis NYS Tournament also at 220. In addition, in 2021 he was a NHSCA All-American at the sophomore nationals finishing 2nd in the 220 weight class. However, Sam was not done with winning state championship. In the 2021-22 season he won a Section III Championship and then captured his first NYSPHSAA championship in the Division II tournament in Albany and then he repeated that accomplishment by winning his second state championship. In the 2022-23 state championship, Sam recorded back to back pins to advance to the semifinals where he won by decision against Trevor Barry 4 - 0. In the finals Sam was successful in pinning Evan Day of Section II in 3:16. Sam has also served as captain of the Trojans for three years.

Sam not only excels in wrestling but plays football at a high level. He was selected as first team All-CNY as a running back and linebacker in 2022 as well as being first team All-State at both positions. This season Sam also captained the football team and was a finalist as the Small School Player of the Year Award. Sorenson, as a football player, has helped the Trojans win back to back Section III titles, and is also a very skilled lacrosse player for the Trojans.

Additionally, Sam is an excellent student. He received the 2021 New York State Fall Scholar Athlete Award. Sorenson will graduate with a 90.802 GPA and will be entering the United States Military Preparatory School (USMAPS) which will prepare him to enter West Point next year. There is no doubt that he will make a excellent cadet and future leader in our military. America needs more young men like Sam Sorenson

Like all student-athletes Sam is also very involved with his community. He has been a Homer Youth volunteer coach in football, wrestling and lacrosse. He is also worked with the food distribution program for United Way, the Salvation Army of Cortland and with the Homer Community Clean-Up by raking leaves in the village. If that is not enough, Sam has worked in the St. Mary's Catholic School in Cortland with their Christmas Bazaar fundraising and clean up.

Coach Reynolds summarizes Sam's wrestling skills in the following way, "There is not a position Sam is not strong in. You just talk about pure wrestling. Very few times you run across somebody that is the complete package. He has the highest wrestling IQ of anyone that I've ever been around. There is never a situation that he doesn't recognize." All of this coming from, Coach Reynolds who was an outstanding Section IV and Cortland State wrestler in his own right and knows wrestling.

The Upstate New York Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame is very proud to be presenting Sam Sorenson with this year's Richard "Pete" Haurath's Outstanding Wrestling Award for Division II.

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2001

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Douglas Lobdell
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2002

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2003

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Frank Marotta
Joseph Shifflet
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2004

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Joe Bena
Tom Canty
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2005

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Dominic Iacovazzi
Steve Jackowski
Donald Kovalchik
Jack Stanbro
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Dave Auble
Reed Hawke
Thomas Pauley
Louis Pettinelli
Ronald Roch
Tommy Hilfiger - OA

2007

Armand Caciattore
Edward Carlin
Walter Peterson
John Spencer
Scott Stever
Richard Vincent - OA

2008

James McCloe
Rick Perkins
Robert Ridall
Al Sosa
Richard Yarosh - MC
Robert Feldmeier

2009

Peter Hausrath
Fred Marcello
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Marty Sherman
Dan Wickham
John Williams

2010

Dennis Beck
Fred Brown - OF
Ronald Brunner
Eric Knuutila
Al Scheer
The DiPaolo Family - OA

2011

Al Feuz - OF
Roy Hunt
Richard Lang
Joseph McCabe
Frank Mielnicki
Walter Thurnau

2012

Neal Aubel
Rick Armstrong
Bert Ernst
Wayne Ferguson
Robert MacNeill
James Sauberan

2013

Dr. Peter Capone
Joseph DeMeo
Fred Marcheson
Andy Noel
Frank Oliveri
Kerwin Pine
Mark Stephens - OF

2014

Donald Blaine
Michael DeBarbieri
Gary Dillingham
Thomas Green - MC
James Lamb
Anthony Policare
Ken Spenard

2015

Richard Brown
Jeffrey Cuilty
Dennis Disanto
Sam Elia
Frank Giltner
Joseph Gustainis
Dr. Thomas Martin - OA
Donald New
John Roselli

2016

James Carrier - OA
Bradford Hamer
Charles Hughes
Thomas Hurley
John Kopalek
Richard Morton
John Murray
Liam Ollive - MC
Roert Stulmaker
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2017

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2018

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Tim Jenks
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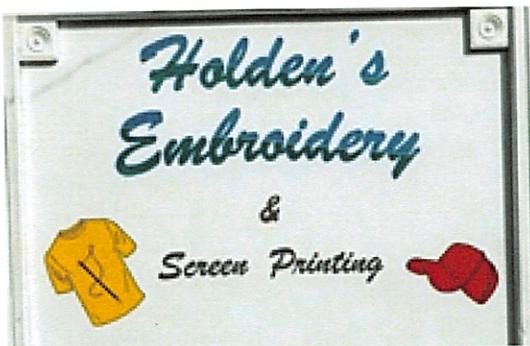


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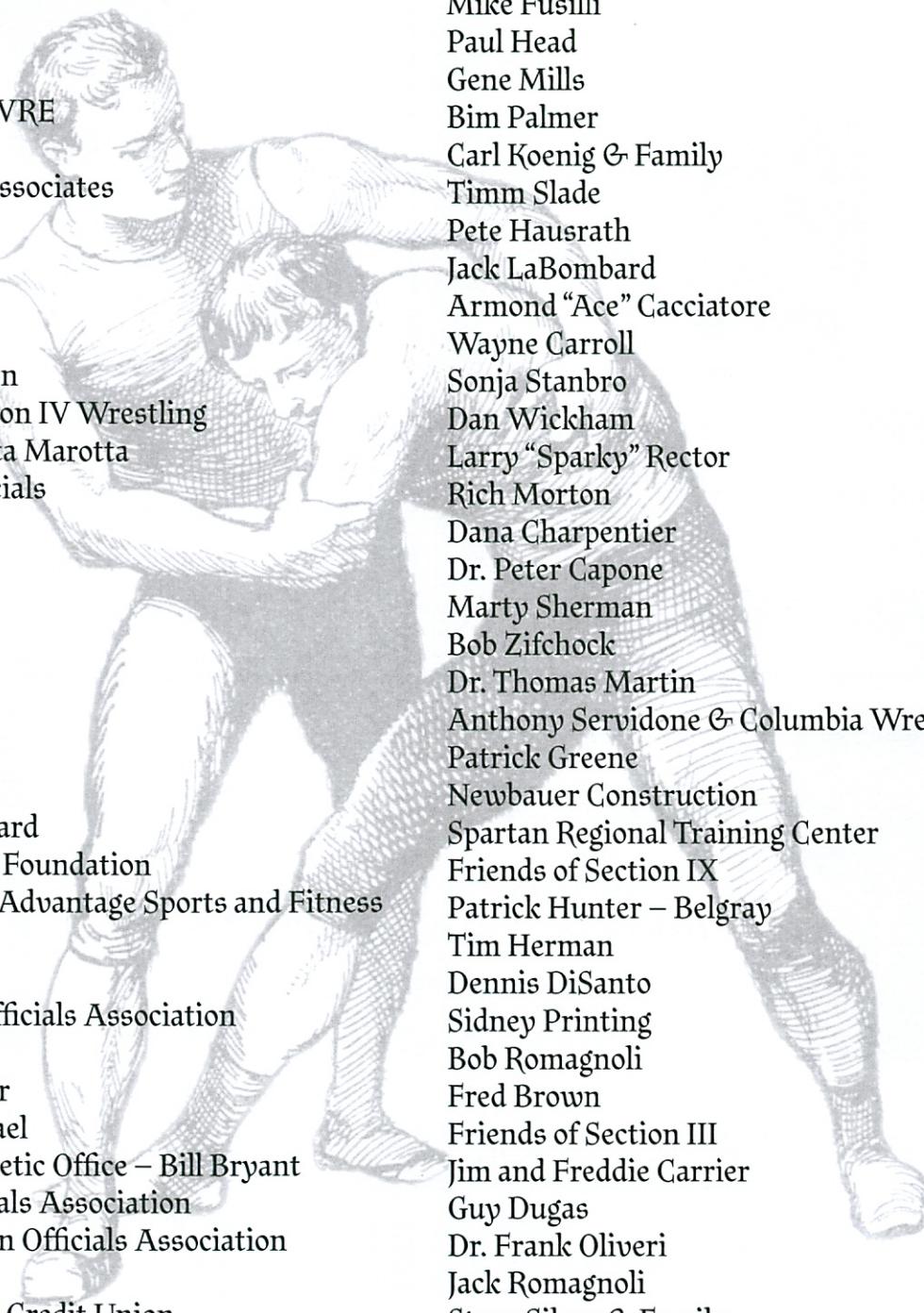
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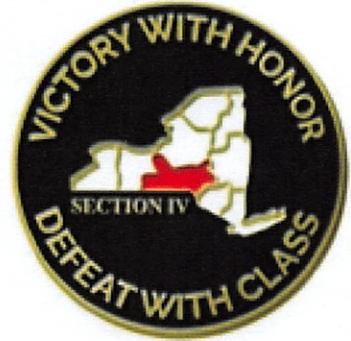
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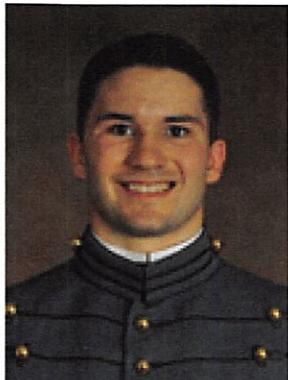


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- Whitney Point, Marathon, and Greene Central Schools for the opportunity to coach.
- Tim Jenks and the Greene wrestling community for accepting me as part of the coaching staff.

Jack Romagnoli

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- My loving family, friends and colleagues for always being there for me
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Kevin Gallgher

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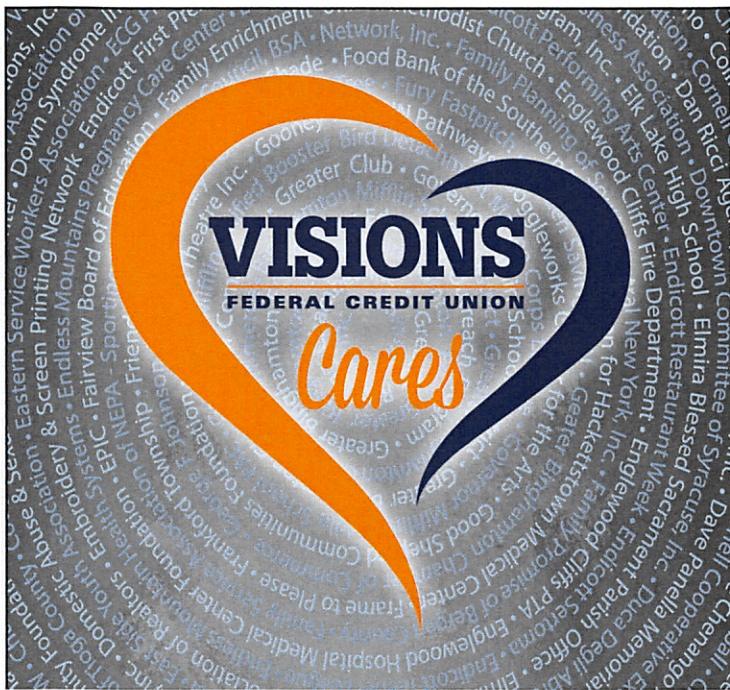
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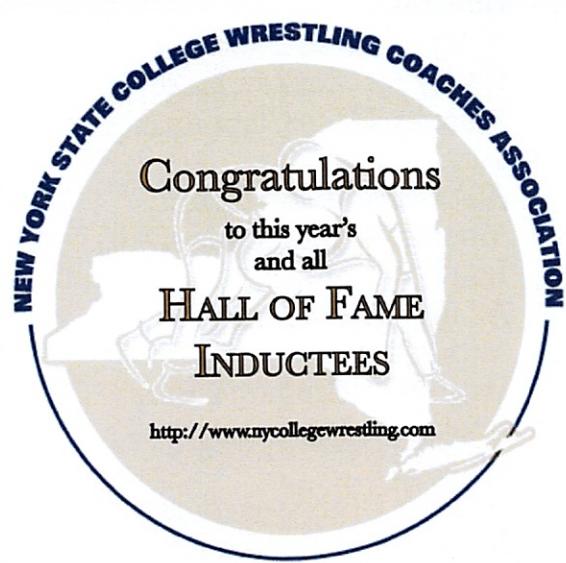
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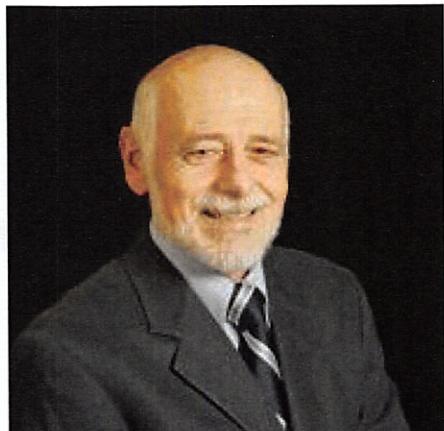
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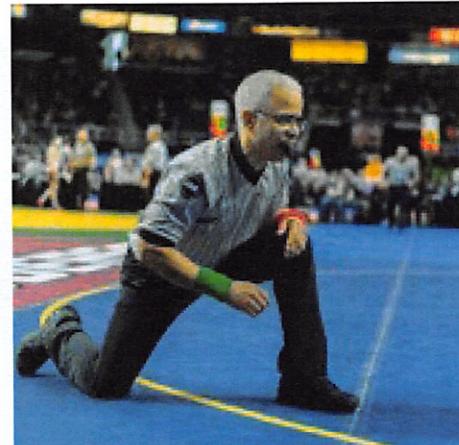
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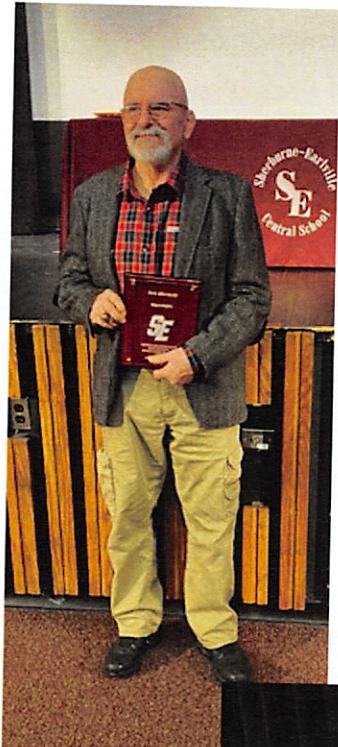


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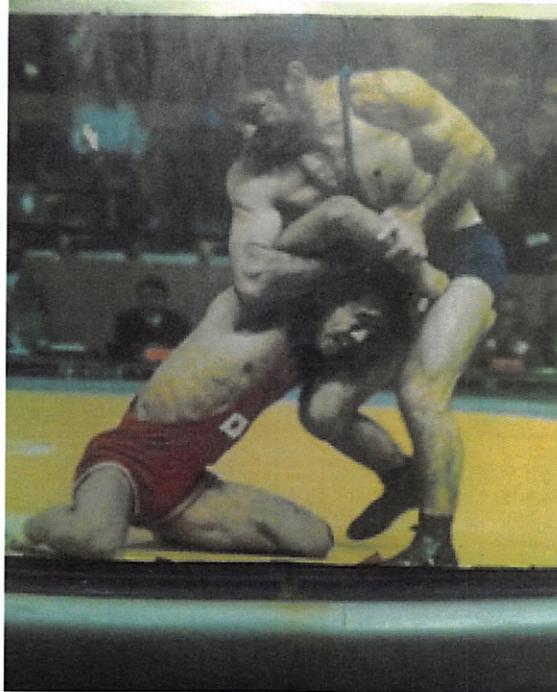
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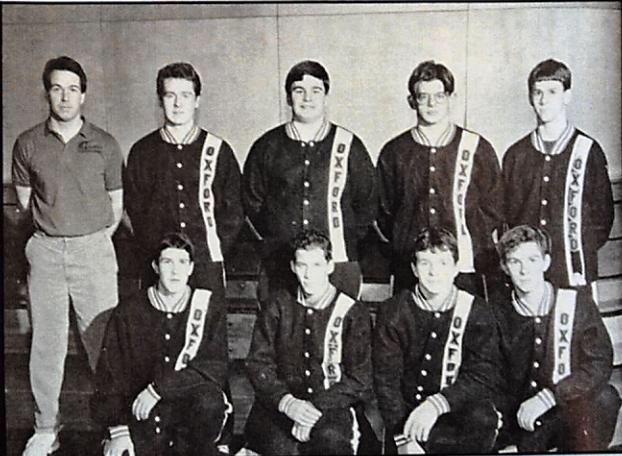
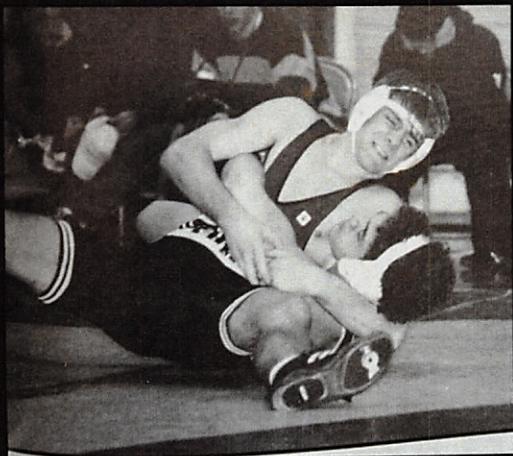
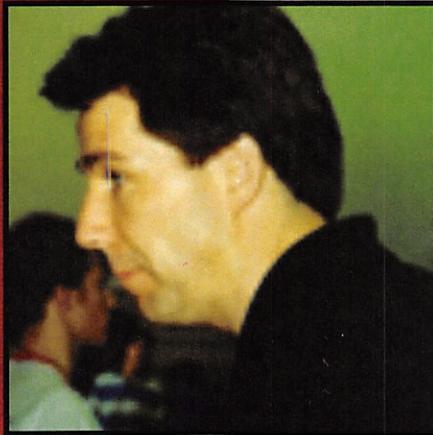
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